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Wilmer, B. C., Thursday, February 19, 1903.

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Effect of Cheap Silver

Silver's Depreciation Now Proving a Boomerang

The homely but true old aphorism regarding "curious like chickens coming home to roost" is being more and more exemplified with England and silver play the important parts.

It was the selfish legislation of England, with the vaults of the Bank of England filled with gold behind them that first caused the depreciation of silver, and it was that same legislation in the interest of bankers which afterward forced the hands of the American Legislature, and through a policy of national protection silver was devalued and the industry of silver mining was crippled.

But the curse of depreciation originated in Thruvalence street and the curse, like the chickens is going home to roost.

Once the white metal was undervalued and started on its downward course none could tell when or where the limit of depreciation would be reached and the recent play is the beginning of a reaction which will hit the money centers harder than it will the silver miners.

To elucidate: When silver was falling rapidly, in the latter part of last November, a Boston dispatch from Hong Kong sang the following doleful dirge across the wires to London:

"The prospects of trade in the Far East are anything but pleasant to contemplate, in view of the steady and most severe depreciation of the dollar. When, about ten years ago, the exchange began to fall against silver, the depreciation of the dollar to something like 80 cts. was then regarded as a serious menace to the trade of Hongkong. The acute slump in silver, unless checked by some remedial measures, which will bring about a much needed relief to the trade, as, indeed, to all other classes, will be regarded as nothing short of a real calamity, by which the import trade of the colony will be very seriously affected. Merchants who contract for orders for Chinese buyers fix the price of goods, as a rule, in sterling, payable at the rate of the day. The native traders, who count upon the value of their purchases at the time contracts are entered into, find when the period

arrives for payment, that the dollar is worth so much less than his calculations leave him a great loser by the transaction. It is a matter of common complaint by the Chinese that they never know their exact position as to the amount they may be called upon to pay in silver for goods ordered from England. Fluctuation in the exchange is so violent that as much as from 10 to 15 per cent is shown as an appreciation in the price of goods they order, if, calculated on the dollar basis. If this state of affairs is to continue, it is feared that import trade may be paralyzed, as it will be rendered practically unremunerative to native buyers. Since latter clause for a stable rate of exchange, and regard a fixed value of the dollar as the only means that will satisfactorily furnish a solution of this difficult question of currency in this colony, situated as it is on the very borders of the largest silver-producing country in the world. It is admitted on all hands that the adjustment of our local currency would be most difficult to bring about, and it rests largely with the banks and the government to secure the remedy which would remove a serious obstacle to trade, and which in other respects gives promise of unlimited expansion. The demand rate in London today is 1s. 6 1/2 pence to the dollar, and much anxiety is expressed here lest this should not be the limit of depreciation. Any further fall may seriously derange the profitable trade which has hitherto existed between Hongkong and the Mother Country."

If a fixed value of the dollar, the silver dollar, is necessary now to preserve to England her China trade, how long will it be when "a fixed value" of silver of the silver dollar will be needed to hold the trade of the Orient for the United States?

The "open door," one of the most farcical acts in the comedy of nations, may be closed and locked with a silver key and the "open door," as well as England, may be forced to stand in "the banks and the government to secure a remedy which would remove a serious obstacle to trade."—San Francisco Mining Review.

Officer C. Cameron was quite ill last Saturday, but has recovered since.

A pure containing 120 and a number of cans of milk were stolen from the kitchen of the Hotel Delphine Friday night. Also trunk upset and a dress stolen from the shed in the rear of Mr. Stacks' cottage. A strong clue is being worked on and some developments may result that will be sensational.

Toronto Globe: "At the home of Mrs. Chas. Cranfield, 57 Mutual street, on Wednesday evening, her sister, Miss Tillie Silverthorne, was married to Mr. Jesse J. Jackson. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Joseph Odey of Elm Street Methodist church. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Chas. J. Cranfield. She wore a beautiful traveling suit of laces, blue cloth, the white being of cream colored with trim and with silk applique and lace. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Silverthorne. After the ceremony the guests numbering nearly sixty, sat down to a dainty dinner. The tables were prettily decorated with palms and carnations. The groom's present to the bride was a present set with pearls. The bride is a sister of Mrs. W. P. Evans of Wilmer.

Lake & Co., Atholmer, have just received a shipment of smoked salmon and halibut, besides a lot of fresh groceries.

The miners in the valley have been very busy the past week bringing in a batch of the rocks. The land owner, the Butte mine, is hard on the cattle to get enough to eat just now. Usually cattle can find plenty of food throughout the entire year in this valley, but the winter rancher will always have a few stacks of hay put up in case of such emergency as the present. Hares, of course, can easily live through the winter and live well.

Whisky straightens make crooked paths.

The Outcrop is on sale at A. R. Yates' Drug Store, Wilmer.

Many beautiful valentines were circulated about this vicinity Saturday?

A. B. Yates has purchased a safe from W. S. Santo. This is the fate of men who advertise in this paper.

Head-on railway collisions are now quite fashionable, so far Wilmer has not even had a street car collision.

A report has reached here that J. E. Griffith of Golden and S. S. Fowler of Nelson will arrive here about Feb. 24.

Jack Hurst and Jack Williamson came down from the Parmington Mines Tuesday, where they have been for a long time.

Norway—Windermere Rifle Association members are requested to send in their subscription at once to J. E. Stoddart, Sec.-Treasurer.

There is not a Chinaman in Canterbury, and the citizens have no use for him. This adds another attraction to the most beautiful town on earth.

The many friends of Mrs. J. Spencer will be pleased to know that she is very rapidly recovering from her long and serious illness and is now able to go about again.

Quite a number of men throughout this district are solving the mysteries of the Masonic fraternity, and already it is said Columbia Lodge has between 25 and 30 members.

A meeting of the Wilmer Board of Trade was held Wednesday evening, when after receiving the reports of the committees it was decided to allow them to stand until the next meeting which action will be taken.

A pleasant party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Gallop Tuesday evening at their residence in Canterbury, when quite a number of friends responded to the invitations. Those who attended report having had a good time.

A meeting of the Wilmer Baseball Club was held Monday evening, when officers and committees were elected for the ensuing year. It was decided to make arrangements to play ball May 24th and put up a big celebration that day in Wilmer. A meeting is due every other day until June.

F. L. Snook returned to Atholmer on Monday after spending about two months at his home in Turro, N.S., and his health is somewhat improved. He reports good times all through the east, but is glad to get back here again. Despite all rumors to the contrary he claims still to be single and open for engagement.

A meeting of the Windermere District branch of the Provincial Mining Association was held last night, but as we go to press early to catch the mail the report cannot be published in this issue. However, at least three delegates will attend the convention. Already Mr. G. A. Starke is at the Coast, Mr. R. S. Gallop will probably leave today, and Mr. R. B. Bruce will also leave within a few days.

It was with much surprise and regret that the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chamberlain heard the sad intelligence Monday afternoon that their infant son was dead. The child had not been well for a few days, but it was thought he suffered only from a severe cold. At 10 o'clock Dr. Elliot was called in and although everything possible was done the little one died about a week from pneumonia and convulsions. The parents greatly mourn the loss of their little one and have the sympathy of everyone. The funeral took place Tuesday and was followed to Windermere by many kind friends.

Thirteen cubic feet of ordinary ore rock weigh 2,000 pounds.

Christian Troyer was in town from Windermere Friday night and told a reporter that after two months of study he had solved the Mongolian problem. He said his scheme was to get the Legislature to pass an act taxing every person who employed a Chinaman or Jap \$5 for every month they worked. The employer could deduct the tax from the Mongolian wages if wished, but it is to be collected from the employer so that the "Imperial Reasons" could not interfere. Mr. Troyer claims credit for this as the originator and it must be admitted that if he can succeed in making it law it will have the desired effect.

The dance given in Wilmer St. Valentine's Eve was very successful. Heller's hall being crowded to its full capacity, and if one may judge from the expressions of those in attendance the dance was the most enjoyable given for some time past. Windermere, Canterbury and Atholmer citizens were well represented, while Wilmer turned out en masse. The midnight luncheon provided by the Wilmer ladies was in keeping with their usual display of art in the culinary department. The music was good and dancing continued until about 2 a.m.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chamberlain celebrated their "diamond wedding" with a dance in Heller's hall. Quite a number of their friends in town were invited and thoroughly enjoyed themselves until about 1 a.m. A luncheon luncheon was served and all expressed the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain would live to enjoy even more happy years than the first and that all might again be present when they commemorated their diamond day. Master Willie Chamberlain was not forgotten among the many presents bestowed. All will agree that Miss Heller was the belle of the ball.

Windermere

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Windermere, B.C., Feb. 16.

Meers, Johnston and Jones, of Simulish Hatch, were the capital hosts of a pleasant party of Windermere residents, on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst. The visitors included Malans W. Teggart, A. Teggart, Forty, W. Teggart, E. A. Teggart, and J. H. Teggart. Mr. Teggart, B. Teggart, B. Teggart, W. Teggart, Forty and Forty. The drive across the lake was most pleasant and the ranch was reached about 8:30; many of the party admiring the moonlight view of the mountains and lake—a rare scene, hard to surpass for majestic beauty and grandeur any place else in the world.

Mr. Johnston received the guests in his customarily hospitable style and refreshments were served at 11 p.m. The evening was spent pleasantly with the merry dance and song, the Windermere club contributing many of the musical selections. "And Lang Syne" was sung about 12:30 and after giving three cheers and a tiger for their genial hosts the party set out for home.

Our esteemed and genial friend George Mitchell, of Brisco, spent last week in town. The city of churches was rather lonesome after his departure. Come again, George.

Over a dozen of our townpeople attended the St. Valentine's ball at Wilmer on Friday night. The women's hours with which they returned attests to the pleasure had.

C. D. Ellis, of the Parmington Mines, spent a few days here last week.

The St. Peter's dance to be given next Friday evening, the 20th, is expected to be most successful and enjoyable.

Mining Association

Secretary of Provincial Mining Association Talks

To the Editor of THE OUTCROP:

Dear Sir:—It will perhaps interest you to learn that the movement to organize a Provincial Mining Association is meeting with very great success, and that local organization has been effected to date in about 25 places.

Others are organizing, but in one or two places the effort has been criticized on the grounds that the objects and aims of the Association are selfish. This criticism is the result entirely of ignorance, for, as a matter of fact, the objects of the Association have not yet been stated, and it will remain with the Convention to outline a policy and determine upon what steps will be taken to endeavor to bring about an improvement in conditions and promote the welfare of the mining industry of the Province. In fact, that the present Provincial Executive Committee is attempting to do so, to bring together a representative body of men, chiefly practical miners to discuss among themselves the requirements of the mining industry.

At a meeting of the Committee last week, it occurred to them that, as Victoria has taken the matter up so enthusiastically and has enrolled so large a number of members if this city appointed delegates according to the number of its membership it might be able to dominate the meeting; consequently, a resolution was passed limiting the number of delegates appointed to attend to the Convention from Victoria and Vancouver to 20 respectively. That is an excellent motto, "In union there is strength," and will you inform your readers that this is really the whole idea of this scheme. Let us all unite together for the common good.

Yours faithfully,

H. MONTGOMERY LAYN, Secretary.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 14th, 1903.

Almost every age and tribe, as well as every epoch, has had its peculiar currency or medium of barter and exchange—not only gold, silver, copper, brass, lead, iron, paper, but such out-of-date articles as bits of glass, shells, beads, stones, soap, bits of various colored cloth and numerous other objects, some of them absolutely valueless to one way of looking at the matter. The Indians, Eskimos, Hantoes, and Glims have no coined money, lead and silver in bullion being the ordinary tender in trade, weight and purity being the standard of value. For a long time salt was the ordinary money of the Aborigines. Brief fact has been and it even today to a certain extent the local tender of Iceland. Shell scales are also the medium of exchange in many of the North Sea islands.

A meeting was held in the Court House on Tuesday evening for the purpose of forming a branch of the Mining Association of British Columbia, at Golden. Mr. J. Brady was elected chairman and Mr. C. H. Parson secretary of the meeting. After discussing various matters connected with the Association, it was decided that the delegates appointed to attend the meeting of the Association, to be held at Victoria, on the 26th inst., Messrs. O. D. Hoar and H. G. Parson. The meeting was then adjourned. There were 24 members present.

The Nome Nugget's annual estimate of the gold production of Nevada peninsula for the summer season of 1902, up to Wednesday, Oct. 8, is \$4,223,000.

Golden Nuggets

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, B.C., Feb. 14.

M. Carlin returned on Monday from Kailt.

Mrs. Geo. P. Wells of Fallier was in town this week.

M. Dainard and party left today for a trip to Lee River.

The merchants of the town are very busy at present taking stock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McKay of Sinclair are spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Starke of Wilmer left on Wednesday for the coast cities.

Mrs. J. G. Ulack has gone to Armstrong on a visit to Mrs. F. B. Whiting.

Some of the Goldenites have been receiving very amusing valentines today.

Mrs. M. Carlin gave a very enjoyable dance to a number of her young friends on Tuesday evening.

F. L. Snook has returned from his visit to his home in Turro, N.S., and leaves tomorrow for Atholmer.

The Quadrille Club dance on Wednesday night was well attended, and an enjoyable time was had by all present.

Harry Moulton was brought to the Hospital from Hume's camp, Monday last, with a broken leg and arm, a tree having fallen on him.

A carling match is on this evening between the Bank and the Columbia.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Rev. B. Teggart left Monday for the Parmington Mines, where he intends holding divine service.

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W. P. EVANS, - - - - - Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, FEB. 19, 1903.

"Ozonagram" is the name that the New Denver Ledger has coined for wireless messages, a la Marconi. Ozonagrams are often too cheap when mixed with boozierino.

J. B. Hobson, who operates placer ground at Barkerville, has discovered by actual experience that the cheapness of Chinese labor is a delusion. To move dirt by white labor costs 20 cents a yard, by Jap labor 35 cents, and by Chinamen 41 cents.

Carnegie offered Toronto a library but a number of the aldermen of that city are opposed to accepting the offer. These aldermen must be sincere friends of the workmen. If Carnegie gave the men who earned the millions he is now trying to give away their fair share his conscience would not trouble him and his name would live forever in the hearts of the masses.

Toronto has gained much notoriety of late on account of its enforcement of strict Sunday laws. There they fine a child for selling newspapers, postage stamps, cigars or anything else on Sunday, and for working in many good occupations. Yet they allow men to employ children at starvation wages six days a week, and if these children on Sunday sell their bodies for a square meal nothing is heard of it. Give us the free, wicked West, where everyone is kind-hearted and no one need sin to gain a livelihood. If Toronto would be good her citizens should pass a minimum scale of wages which would allow them to live respectably.

While we of this district are very anxious that our lead should be protected, we are overlooking two other very valuable assets which nature has kindly endowed us with, namely, our forests and game. These two need protection and there is not a politician of any shade to oppose the protection of either, unless he be an Indian.

Every year our forests are diminished by fire and it is too frequent that these fires are started intentionally or by carelessness, and it is now time that an earnest appeal was made to the government to appoint fire wardens, who could also act as game wardens. It is scarcely necessary here to point out the whys and wherefores as everyone can readily understand the situation. To say nothing of the manifold reasons the ranchers and townspeople have for protecting the forests, what will our mining industry and tourist trade amount to when all our forests disappear in smoke?

It is now but a short while ere we will be listening for the melodious voice of one or other of the steamers that ply on Columbia river. Then we will be looking forward to the arrival of tourists and wondering how many will come this way this year. Undoubtedly there will be quite a number, but could not some effort be made that will bring hundreds? We are not short on scenery by any means, in fact we have everything that the craving of tourist demand, from beautiful valleys to snow-capped mountains. The Navigation Co. have men employed at work that will make their steamers equal to those of the C.P.R. steamers and the company are advertising this route with photos all along the railway. The C.P.R. has agreed to give the route equal prominence with their own routes on their time tables and to sell tickets for this route.

After travelling across the prairie and through the mountains to view the sights at Banff, Glacier and Field a tourist finds that a side trip on the boat up the Columbia river is just about the most enjoyable trip imaginable. If a tourist desires to prolong his stay here for weeks or even months he can find every day new points of interest to gaze upon. He may ride for miles upon miles over our park-like prairie, or he may climb the mountains and scale lofty precipices, or he may fish and hunt, or drink numerous mineral waters or take a bath in hot springs and even swim in a hot water lake, or he may sail or row on the lake. And if not then satisfied he may go prospecting and become a mine owner, or he may take up good agricultural

land.

Truly, this is a bounteous country and the liberal use of printers' ink is all that is necessary to make even the scenery produce wealth.

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Delphine.....	73,831	\$5,529.26
" In transit	135,500	
Red Line, in transit	102,000	
Swanson.....	4,000	
White Cat.....	2,000	
Silver Belt.....	29,500	1,456.00
M. T. Fraction.....	69,036	4,294.63
Banyan.....	1,000	49.00
	2,585,141	\$7,286.55

ON NIGHT HERD

Lots o' time to think, you bet,
Underneath the watchin' stars;
Jest the down to the let
Very the past's moss-covered bars.
Gives the soul a pious tone,
Sees things in a solemn light,
When a feller's all alone
Ridin' 'round the herd at night.

Gits a-thinkin' o' the days
When his life was in its morn,
Of the sports an' boyish plays
Round the home where he was born
Picters o' the past he sees,
Some of shadowed, others bright
As a summer day, when he's
Ridin' 'round the herd at night.

Sees a mother low her head,
Pleasin' with the Lord above,
An' the tears she o' a shed—
Jewels of a mother's love.
Sees her glad, approv'n' smile
When he tried to do the right—
Conscience welts to him while
Ridin' 'round the herd at night.
Hears her voice in every breeze
Sweepin' o'er the moonlit plain,
An' to every clend he sees
That dear sainted face again.
As the memory on him pile
Lots o' them have got a lots
Keener than a carmine's while
Ridin' 'round the herd at night.

Ain't a preacher anywhere
That can make a feller fret,
That kin make him stop an' stare
At himself with keen regret,
Like o' conscience when it jare
Up his sense o' wrong an' right;
When alone beneath the stars
Ridin' 'round the herd at night.
James Barton Adams.

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It's a sixteen-page edition that expresses
big men's views,
And it's not filled up with pictures, nor
with telegraphic news,
It isn't printed daily, with an "extra"
every hour,
And the editor's not bragging of his in-
fluence and power,
It may have faults and errors, but all
these I will forgive,
For it's printed in the country, way back
where I used to live.

It's only issued weekly, and it's not
made up for style,
But when it arrives I gladly put the daily
by awhile,
I don't read in its pages what the wise
and great men say,
But I see that "Silas Jiggers brought
some wood to town today";
And that "Grandma Parks is better," or
that "Old Bill Jones is dead,"
And it tells just what the parson in his
runday sermon said.

I see again the faces of the friends I used
to know,
In the dim and distant fancies of the
happy long ago;
And I read up in one corner that the fall
winds howl and blow,
And that "Uncle Nathus Smith predicts
an early fall of snow";
Or that "your debating club will give a
social's next week,"
At which our fellow townsmen, Almer
Brookthorn, will speak."

There are never learned essays on the
questions of the day,
But it says that "folks are looking for
another one to lay";
I can see no glaring headlines of the last
election fight,
But it says that "Tom Shaw marries Ella
Edgerton tonight";
And my thoughts somehow grow fonder
when the old folks' names I see,
Filling that "Reverend Tompkins was

invited there to tea."

It may be crude and homely—that same
little country sheet,
And the make-up of its pages may be
rather obsolete;
It is damp when I unfold it, and the print
is sometimes blurred;
Yet it's always more than welcome, and I
read it every word.
And no reading to a city man a greater
joy can give
Than the little country weekly, printed
"where he used to live."

Neither (to her seven-year-old son, who
has been growing free of speech)—Billie,
dear, I will give you ten cents a day for
every day you don't say "damn fool!"
Harold (little brother of five with a
superior air)—"Humph! If 'damn fool!' is
worth ten cents, I guess I know words
that are worth a quarter!"

"Mare!" her father called downstairs,
"Just ask your young man if he doesn't
think it's pretty near bedtime."
"Yes, papa," replied the sweet girl,
after a pause, "George says if you're
sleepy go to bed by all means."

Dining service is held every Sunday
evening in St. Peter's Church, Wilmer,
at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

In future Mr. E. A. Smyth will conduct
English church services at Wilmer on the
first Sunday evening of each month only.

Rev. Mr. Taggart will conduct services
every Sunday in Wilmer at 11 a.m.
Altman at 3 p.m. and Wilmer at
7:30 p.m., excepting the first Sunday
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**Formerly Peterborough,
East Kootenay, B. C.**

The Trade Centre of the Upper Columbia Valley.

Flanked by the Rocky Mountains to the east and the great
mineral zone of the Selkirk to the west.

Government roads radiate from Wilmer to the Toby and Horse Thief
Mining Camps and all points of importance in the Windermere Mining Division,
including the Paradise and Red Line mines, and the beautiful park-like ranching
lands of the valley.

Although a new town Wilmer has made remarkable progress. Among
its institutions may be mentioned the court house at which county court for the
district is held periodically, a public school, a hospital supported by the district,
postal money order office, newspaper, doctor, provincial land surveyor, drug
store, general store, saw mill, livery stable, hotels, etc. The Presbyterian and
Roman Catholic denominations are represented. It is the headquarters from
which the Paradise and Red Line mines are operated.

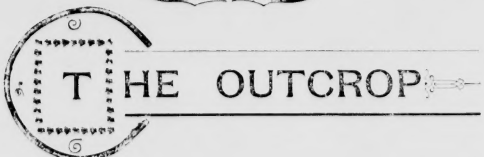
A telegraph office connecting with Golden will be opened shortly.

The great extent of high grade mineral and ranching country tributary
to Wilmer ensure for it a rapid growth.

Steamboats leave Golden on the Canadian Pacific Railway every
Tuesday and Friday arriving at Wilmer the same day. Stage connection weekly
with Golden and Fort Steele.

A limited number of lots are now on the market. For further particulars
apply to

**L. H. MOFFATT, Sec'y Peterborough Townsite Co., Ltd., Rossland,
or J. A. KIRK, Managing Director, Wilmer.**



Fellow Pilgrims All!

Should you in your wanderings about the mountain
regions have an itching void in your anatomy to read a
real live newspaper giving all the news of North East
Kootenay, visit the Outcrop. This up-to-date Pilot
Paper is located in the heart of the most beautiful valley
in North America, surrounded by world renowned and
some of the richest water world mines in the world. For
treasure prospects in hundreds of places in the Western
Hemisphere and the ledger has been discovered in the
Eastern Hemisphere in every place as England, France,
Australia. It comes to the front every Tuesday, and has
never been raised or the short. It works for the Pilot
Bliss as well as the famous and chicken-fried capital.
It offers in peace but as can be a million by being on
the right side of all things; and believe the righteous
should not go to Paradise and that hell should be dead
out according to the old with me as concluded.

A High Grade Clute of Job Printing is uncovered and is worked for the benefit of Humanity and the Editor.

Oldest and Most Reliable Newspaper in North East Kootenay.

Only Paper printed in the Rich Windermere Mining Division.

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WILMER,
North East Kootenay, British Columbia

ROBERT ELLIOT, M.D.,

PHYSICIAN AND
SURGEON.

WILMER,
East Kootenay, British Columbia.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT COVENERS OF THE
"UNION NO. 1" MINERAL CLAIM.

To Fred West, George D. Gagnon and R. H.
Wainwright of any person or persons to
whom they may have assigned their inter-
ests in the "Union No. 1" mineral claim
situated in the Province of British Columbia,
in the Windermere Mining Division, on
North East Kootenay, British Columbia.

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned,
have extended the term of the said mineral claim
for the Province of British Columbia, and
that the said mineral claim shall remain open
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Sale of Mineral and Placer Claims for Unpaid Taxes.

In the Golden Assessment District, Province of British Columbia.

I hereby give notice that on Saturday, the 25th day of April, A.D. 1903, at the hour of 10 A.M., at the Court House, Golden, I will offer for sale by Public Auction the Mineral or Placer Claims and the unpaid taxes accrued due and payable on the 30th day of June, 1902, or accrued due and payable at any 30th day of June subsequent to the date of the issue of the Crown Grants, and remaining unpaid at the 31st day of December, 1902, and for the expenses of advertising this notice.

If the taxes and expense of advertising, as set out in said list, are not paid to me on or before the day of the sale, the claims may be sold to the highest bidder, and a conveyance executed to the purchaser of all right and interest in said claims legally alienated by the Crown by the Crown Grants thereof.

In the event of there being no purchaser, or if the price offered shall not be sufficient to pay the taxes and expense of advertising, the land shall absolutely revert to the Province and the Crown Grants thereof shall be deemed void.

LIST ABOVE MENTIONED:

Name of Person.	Description of Claim.	Unpaid Taxes.	Cost of	Total.
Walter Dehnard, et al.	"Excelsior," Lot No. 1107, G. 1.	\$78 00	\$1 50	\$79 50
W. J. B. Cowell.	"Grant," Lot No. 1109, G. 1.	65 00	1 50	66 50
Alkan Stranger.	"Horse Shoe," Lot No. 266, G. 1.	31 50	1 50	33 00
Golden & Fort Steele Development Company, et al.	"Mogul," Lot No. 1976.	18 00	1 50	19 50
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F. C. LANG, Assessor,

Golden Assessment District,

Filed at Golden this 14th day of February, 1903.

GOLDEN POST OFFICE.

Local Croppings

It pays to advertise in THE OUTCROP.

The infant daughter of Mrs. J. Larabee has been very ill for several days, but at the hour of going to press is some better and hopes of recovery are entertained.

Plenty of ling are now being caught in Windermere lake, but ye editor has no time to fish so would like a few ancient subscribers to dig up a few ducats now.

Sandon is organizing a hobo club and the object is: "To so live that we may help the cause of temperance—by drinking all the booze in sight." This has been tried in Golden for years without showing any appreciable good.

Twenty-seven cubic feet of gravel dug out weighs 2,000 pounds.

In London those interested in silver and silver securities do not look favorably upon the movement started by China and Mexico for the purpose of bringing about an amelioration of exchange in silver using countries. Many brokers say that it will be a bad thing for silver if the lines indicated in Roosevelt's message to Congress are carried out.

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Praise For Mr. Wells

The work of filling in the crib approaches to the Union street bridge is progressing slowly. If the weather continues favorable the work will be completed about the middle of March. It will be the most substantial bridge in the Kootenays when open to traffic, and the Public Works Department of the Government is to be commended for the energetic manner in which it took hold of the project and carried it through.—New Denver Ledger. This member's good work in the Department is speaking for himself—while others talk Mr. Wells works.

Don't Throw South "Citizen"

"Citizen" writing in the Golden Star is much shocked to see some of Golden's prominent young men playing hockey near the bridge on Sunday and asks them to refrain from such open violation. "Citizen" is right. The Golden boys should stop in on Sunday and play poker, and if they really need exercise play "pussy wankers corner." "Citizen" says, "We would not like to have to admit that our conduct in that respect is as loose as that of our neighbors in the western towns, south." What in thunder does this guy mean? He has no reason to throw rocks south. No! not any reason. Let him cast a rock north, though. And without passing off his own townie he will strike a "Mountain Castle" the like of which does not exist in the south towns. Be careful "Citizen," and don't throw dirt south or you will have something worse than Sunday hockey to contend with.

An Essay on Women

The woman is the female of the human race, which she wins by a short head. She has many curious habits. One is to tie herself up in whalebones and pull and squeeze herself in something dreadful. Then she seeks some man to put his arm around her waist and continue the squeezing.

Women's crowning glory is her hair. My mother is a very estimable lady, but I do not mind telling you that half of her crowning glory is usually on the dressing table. The other half appears to get in the gutter.

Father came home the other night with a bright golden crowning glory on his coat. Mother dusted the coat for him.

Woman has one great quest. It is to chase some poor fellow until he gets so rattled that he proposes to pay her board and lodging for the rest of her existence. She then says, "This is so sudden!" and the poor fool is hooked.

She has three objects in life: First, dress; second, dress; third, dress.

She really has another object—her husband. But he is an object of pity.

She is very fond of him, and says she hopes she will never lose him. If she did she would either have to get another or else work for her own living.

Workmen employed on a deep-drainage scheme at Stamford, England, have come across the site of a Roman iron smelting works. They have also unearthed some human skeletons, the remains of animals of a remote period, and a number of silver coins. The latter are some 500 or 600 years old.

Platinum today is worth over \$10 an ounce, and the demand for it is steadily increasing. In the manufacture of certain scientific instruments and apparatus it is indispensable, and chemists would find great difficulty in getting along without vessels of the metal, which endure an extraordinary high temperature without melting. An inch of platinum wire is required for each incandescent electric lamp, to lead to the carbon thread, and X-ray machines also utilize the substance, certain salts of which have been discovered to be an important aid to the photographer. Platinum was first discovered in South America and was brought to Europe in 1735. Nearly 100 years elapsed before it was found in the Ural, whence more than four-fifths of the world's supply of the metal is now obtained.

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